

with a non-Federal interest to perform operations or maintenance; and

(2) prohibit the Secretary from contracting out commercial activities after October 23, 2018, at a navigation facility.

(Pub. L. 101-640, title III, §314, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4641; Pub. L. 115-270, title I, §1151(a), Oct. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 3787.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-270 inserted “navigation and” before “hydroelectric facilities” in section catchline, designated first sentence as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and inserted “navigation or” before “hydroelectric”, designated second sentence as subsec. (b) and inserted heading, and added subsec. (c).

#### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 101-640, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2321a. Hydroelectric power project uprating

#### (a) In general

In carrying out the operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of a hydroelectric power generating facility at a water resources project under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, the Secretary may, to the extent funds are made available in appropriations Acts or in accordance with subsection (c), take such actions as are necessary to optimize the efficiency of energy production or increase the capacity of the facility, or both, if, after consulting with the heads of other appropriate Federal and State agencies, the Secretary determines that such actions—

- (1) are economically justified and financially feasible;
- (2) will not result in any significant adverse effect on the other purposes for which the project is authorized;
- (3) will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts;
- (4) will not involve major structural or operational changes in the project; and
- (5) will not adversely affect the use, management, or protection of existing Federal, State, or tribal water rights.

#### (b) Consultation

Before proceeding with any proposed uprating under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide affected State, tribal, and Federal agencies with a copy of the proposed determinations under subsection (a). If the agencies submit comments, the Secretary shall accept those comments or respond in writing to any objections those agencies raise to the proposed determinations.

#### (c) Use of funds provided by preference customers

In carrying out this section, the Secretary may accept and expend funds provided by preference customers under Federal law relating to the marketing of power.

#### (d) Application

This section does not apply to any facility of the Department of the Army that is authorized to be funded under section 839d-1 of title 16.

#### (e) Effect on other authority

This section shall not affect the authority of the Secretary and the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration under section 839d-1 of title 16.

(Pub. L. 104-303, title II, §216, Oct. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 3694; Pub. L. 106-541, title II, §212, Dec. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 2593.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(1), inserted introductory provisions and struck out former introductory provisions which read as follows: “In carrying out the maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of a hydroelectric power generating facility at a water resources project under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, the Secretary may take, to the extent funds are made available in appropriations Acts, such actions as are necessary to increase the efficiency of energy production or the capacity of the facility, or both, if, after consulting with the heads of other appropriate Federal and State agencies, the Secretary determines that the increase—”.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(1), substituted “are” for “is” before “economically justified”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(2), substituted “any proposed uprating” for “the proposed uprating” in first sentence.

Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 106-541, §212(3), (4), added subsecs. (c) and (d) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (e).

#### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-303, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2321b. Expediting hydropower at Corps of Engineers facilities

#### (a) Policy

Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States that—

(1) the development of non-Federal hydroelectric power at Corps of Engineers civil works projects, including locks and dams, shall be given priority;

(2) Corps of Engineers approval of non-Federal hydroelectric power at Corps of Engineers civil works projects, including permitting required under section 408 of this title, shall be completed by the Corps of Engineers in a timely and consistent manner; and

(3) approval of hydropower at Corps of Engineers civil works projects shall in no way diminish the other priorities and missions of the Corps of Engineers, including authorized project purposes and habitat and environmental protection.

#### (b) Report

Not later than 2 years after June 10, 2014, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-

mit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and make publicly available a report that, at a minimum, shall include—

(1) a description of initiatives carried out by the Secretary to encourage the development of hydroelectric power by non-Federal entities at Corps of Engineers civil works projects;

(2) a list of all new hydroelectric power activities by non-Federal entities approved at Corps of Engineers civil works projects in that fiscal year, including the length of time the Secretary needed to approve those activities;

(3) a description of the status of each pending application from non-Federal entities for approval to develop hydroelectric power at Corps of Engineers civil works projects;

(4) a description of any benefits or impacts to the environment, recreation, or other uses associated with Corps of Engineers civil works projects at which non-Federal entities have developed hydroelectric power in the previous fiscal year; and

(5) the total annual amount of payments or other services provided to the Corps of Engineers, the Treasury, and any other Federal agency as a result of approved non-Federal hydropower projects at Corps of Engineers civil works projects.

(Pub. L. 113-121, title I, §1008, June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1215.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

#### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 113-121, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2322. Single entities

For purposes of Federal participation in water resource development projects which are to be carried out by the Secretary, benefits which are to be provided to a facility owned by a State (including the District of Columbia and a territory or possession of the United States), county, municipality, or other public entity shall not be treated as benefits to be provided a single owner or single entity. The Secretary shall not treat such a facility as a single owner or single entity for any purpose.

(Pub. L. 101-640, title III, §317, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4641.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

#### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 101-640, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2323. Technical assistance to private entities

#### (a) Use of Corps research and development labs

The Secretary is authorized to use Corps of Engineers research and development laboratories to provide research and development assistance to corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, consortia, public and private foundations, universities, and nonprofit organizations operating within the United States, territories or possessions of the United States, and the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands—

(1) if the entity furnishes in advance of fiscal obligation by the United States such funds as are necessary to cover any and all costs of such research and development assistance;

(2) if the Secretary determines that the research and development assistance to be provided is within the mission of the Corps of Engineers and is in the public interest;

(3) if the entity has certified to the Secretary that provision of such research and development assistance is not otherwise reasonably and expeditiously obtainable from the private sector; and

(4) if the entity has agreed to hold and save the United States free from any damages due to any such research and development assistance.

#### (b) Contract

The Secretary may provide research and development assistance under subsection (a), or any part thereof, by contract.

#### (c) Omitted

(Pub. L. 101-640, title III, §318, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4641.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 318 of Pub. L. 101-640. Subsec. (c) of section 318 of Pub. L. 101-640 amended section 2314a of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, and not as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 which comprises this chapter.

#### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 101-640, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 2323a. Interagency and international support authority

#### (a) In general

The Secretary may engage in activities (including contracting) in support of Federal departments or agencies, nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, or foreign governments to address problems of national significance to the United States.

#### (b) Consultation

The Secretary may engage in activities in support of international organizations or foreign governments only after consulting with the Department of State.

#### (c) Use of Corps’ expertise

The Secretary may use the technical and managerial expertise of the Corps of Engineers to ad-